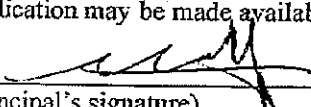


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Part I: Cover Sheet

Practice Name Pima Butte Locks of Love
Name of Principal Math Montoya
Official School Name Pima Butte Elementary
School Mailing Address 45012 W. Honeycutt Tel. (520) 568-7150 ext. 2023
School Website http://maricopa.usd.org/ - www.pimabutte.maricopausd.org/
City Maricopa Zip 85238 Email Address mmontoya@musd20.org

I have reviewed the information in this package, including the eligibility requirements, and certify that to the best of my knowledge it is accurate. If my program is recognized as a Promising Practice the contents of this application may be made available to the public.


(Principal's signature)

Date

11/25/2008

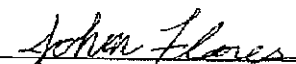
Name of Superintendent DR. JOHN FLORES

District Name MARICOPA UNIFIED SD #20 Tel. (520) 568-5100

District Mailing 45012 W. HONEYCUTT AVE.

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I have reviewed the information in this package, including the eligibility requirements, and certify that to the best of my knowledge it is accurate.


(Superintendent's signature)

Date November 11, 2008

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Part II: Background Information

1. Category that best describes the area where the school is located:

- ☐ Urban or large central city ☐ Suburban
☒ Suburban school with characteristics typical of an urban area
☐ Small city or town in a rural area ☐ Rural

2. 2 Number of years the principal has been in her/his position at this school.

2 If less than three years, how long was the previous principal at this school?

3. Number of students enrolled at each grade level or its equivalent in applying school building:

Pre-K <u>88</u>	5th <u>122</u>	10th <u>1</u>
1st <u>79</u>	6th <u>1</u>	11th <u>1</u>
2nd <u>83</u>	7th <u>1</u>	12th <u>1</u>
3rd <u>70</u>	8th <u>1</u>	
4th <u>72</u>	9th <u>1</u>	
		TOTAL: <u>455</u>

4. Limited English proficient students in the school: 10 % 455 Total Number

Number of languages represented: 6 Specify languages: Spanish, Vietnamese, Czechoslovakian
Philippine, Russian
Yoruba

5. Students who participate in free/reduced-priced meals: 22 % 455 Total Number

If this method is not a reasonably accurate estimate of the percentage of students from low-income families or the school does not participate in the federally-supported lunch program, specify a more accurate estimate, tell why the school chose it, and explain how it arrived at this estimate.

Pima Butte Elementary school has donated hair to *Locks of Love* (A non-profit organization that makes wigs for children under 18). This specific event is designed to teach the character trait "caring." This past year in February our Character Counts Committee was very excited to announce our second annual Locks of Love Assembly. Pima Butte Elementary School welcomed anyone and everyone within our community to join us in this special event.

Our Locks of Love Assembly was held on February 21, 2008. We assembled several local hairstylists to donate their time to cut 19 ponytails. This included 14 students, and 5 adults. The donated hair was sent to Locks of Love to help children who lose their hair due to medical conditions. The whole school and community were invited to watch the event.

The Locks of Love Assembly provides a way for us to give other children a sense of self confidence due to their hair loss. The ponytails are made into prosthetic hair pieces that will help children who need them. The students at Pima Butte are caring enough to understand what a difference their contributions can make. Our Character Committee will be planning for our third annual Locks of Love Assembly in the spring of 2009.

Pima Butte's Locks of Love Assembly shares their practice to contribute good character. This tradition of donating ponytails has grown to be an exciting and meaningful practice. Many students are growing their hair for upcoming Locks of Love Assemblies. So many families from the community have seen firsthand how important this can be. Our community, district, and school have continued its eagerness in participating in helping Locks of Love.

During the last two Locks of Love Assemblies the students were encouraged for their brave acts of caring. Our Character Counts Committee created a wall designated to show the girls who participated in this event. We took a picture of them before and after the assembly.

This allowed the students to see themselves on their school wall. We congratulated them on their caring donations. Since the start of our Locks of Love Assemblies we have had teachers donate their hair with the students. To encourage the students our principal caught "Locks of Love fever" shaved his head on the morning announcements. This simple statement displays just how caring Pima Butte is. Each year we are hopeful that this will be a continued success. Pima Butte Elementary School is proud to practice good character by showing we care.